

State Advisory Committee (SAC) For Children with Disabilities
Advising the NH Department of Education Per RSA 186-C:3-b
Minutes for the meeting of June 25, 2012
NH Department of Education
Room 15
4:30pm - 7:30 pm

In Attendance: Candace Cole-McCrea, Kestrel Cole-McCrea, Maureen Tracey, Jenifer Evans, Joan Holleran, Lynda Thistle Elliott, Mike Pinard, Representative Kathleen Lauer-Rago, Renea Sparks, Stacey Dailey, Raymond Dailey, Audrey Burke, Kerri-Lynn Kimner, Bonnie Dunham, Danny Tanguay, Michelle Rosado, Eileen Liponis, Susan Marcotte Jenkins.

Guests: Santina Thibedeau, Nick McIntyre, Alan Pardy, Ellen Boudreau-advocate, Janet Reed, RSEC-private providers, Jen Dolloff, Karen Hatch, Misty Lowe, Jen ???, Catherine Meister.

Agenda Item I: Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes, Correspondence, Announcements.

- Bonnie welcomed members and guests and asked for introductions.
- The May minutes were approved with the following revisions: Renea Sparks is spelled with an “s”, Jenifer Evans has one “n” in her first name. On Page 2 – agenda Item VII,~ the third bullet, the “s” in Shoemaker, needs to be capitalized. Raymond Dailey made a motion to approve, Michelle Rosado seconded the motion. All in favor, the vote was unanimous.
- Correspondence: The only correspondence received was that Rebecca Ladd (current chair) is resigning from SAC.
- Announcements: The movie “Who cares about Kelsey” could be done at the October 3rd meeting or January 2nd meeting. The movie would be an hour long or so. Thank you to Maureen Tracey for getting this organized.
- Michelle Rosado reports that the Division of Health and Human Services has listed a care management schedule for all individuals who have Medicaid.

Agenda Item II: Public comment:

- Question asked from the public: Will the Data Driven Enterprise report be covered in this SAC meeting?

Agenda Item III: Subcommittee Reports:

- Subcommittees met and then reported out to the SAC.
 - *Public Relations/Relationships:* (Renea Sparks, Maureen Tracey, Sue Marcotte Jenkins, Ray Dailey, Audrey Burke, Joan Holleran and Kerri Lynn Kimner).

They would like to “fine tune” the SAC pamphlet. To make sure it has contact information or how to get involved with SAC. They also were brainstorming for ways to get the pamphlet out there, also thought about designing a logo for nametags and a pamphlet. They would like to continue this discussion at the September retreat. Maureen will send in paragraph for the minutes.

➤ *Membership:* (Candace, Karen and Bonnie)

They went through the member list, and found a few discrepancies. Please let Bonnie know if other errors in the list or dates are incorrect etc. The list was divided up by the subcommittee to call members who have not been coming. They reviewed the vacancies as well. Those recently nominated to SAC are: *Ellen Boudreau, Karen Hatch and Janet Reed*. Karen is a parent of a child with learning disabilities and has just finished the NH Leadership series through PIC. Ellen is the co-chair of Independent Living Committee of the NH Council on ASD and works with improving transition plans. Janet Reed is a private provider and the Director of RSEC Academy.

A motion was made to send a letter of nomination to the Governor’s office on behalf of: Ellen, Karen, and Janet. Seconded by Joan. No abstentions.

➤ *Legislative:* HB 1607 has been vetoed was reported.

➤ *Chins:* (Gil, Stacey, Mike, Renea) Stacey reported that they were looking at how to change language. Looking at Special Education and how language affects it. Gil has been pushing forward with data. Renea offered to speak to Special Education Directors at the NHASEA August Academy. Looking at this subcommittee to be 2-3 year long subcommittee. Renea will need questions for the Special Education Directors before July 29th for the NHASEA Academy.

Sue is familiar with NHCA and asked if SAC should partner with them to work on CHINS. Sue will investigate how SAC can have a voice with the alliance. There is possibility that they can speak to SAC.

Stacey recommends at September retreat to discuss and look further into having students help in survey process. (make sure to have enough allotted time on the agenda to work on this)

Discussion: In NHSEIS, is there a field that could be used for CHINS information, for the collection piece/CHINS involvement? Candace noted that Nashua and Laconia has more of CHINS than other areas. Would it be helpful at the retreat to identify guests speakers for the upcoming year and one of them should be on CHINS. *Ellie Engelli* from DHHS might be interested in speaking to SAC. It would be a good idea to bring a JPO

(Juvenile Probation Officer) to speak at SAC. Catherine Meister will find out how accurate data is. She will give us accurate CHINS information.

Agenda Item IV: Old Business, Updates, Current Events, Bureau Updates and New Business

- Data Driven Enterprise (DDE) Report – Mike Warrick came on June 19, 2012 to present their report to the Bureau of Special Education and then to SAC. Nine SAC members attended.
- Discussion: It was stated by DDE that the NHDOE puts out more than what is paid for. They suggested recommendations in the area of program approval. What role does SAC play in this? Santina commented that this was a yearlong report. Susan from DDE gave suggestions on how to do things better, drilling it down on how to correct things. There was further discussion around unmet needs listed in the report. Part of this meeting's agenda will be to decide on next steps for this report.
- Bureau of Special Education update: Santina Thibedeau
There is a new project in the bureau with Vocational Rehabilitation counselors, special education case managers working together. A RFP also went out on the NH Audio Books for Elementary and Secondary School Textbooks,
- New Business: Sue Marcotte Jenkins is the liaison from ICC. She provided a handout on the ICC. ICC has had a focus on family cost share for Early Supports and Services (ESS), intake evaluations, development of IFC, transition and service coordination.

Agenda Item V: Update on RTI and PBIS-Maureen Tracey

- Maureen attended the Northeast PBIS Conference and presented a PowerPoint to summarize the conference. Based on other states' accomplishments, Maureen feels NH is falling behind in PBIS and would like to bring this forward for the September retreat for further discussion. Santina reports NH has been doing PBIS for about 8 years. It was interesting for Maureen to see how other states have a different ways of raising money to support education, for example, Maryland has a bridge state tax that supports each school district as a "level playing field".

Agenda Item VI: Review of Draft 2011-2012 Annual SAC report-Bonnie

- Bonnie asks that members look through the draft annual report and get back to Bonnie with any feedback by July 15th. Bonnie would like the report to be finished in the next week or so to send up to the governor.

Agenda Item VII: Nominations and election of SAC chair

- Bonnie asked for nominations for the 2012-2013 SAC chair.
- Raymond Dailey, nominated by Stacey Dailey, seconded by Renea Sparks. Raymond accepted the nomination and is willing to serve as chair if elected. Raymond spoke on what he would like to see SAC work on for the next year. He comments SAC needs to have a process back, with a purpose.
- Bonnie Dunham was nominated by Audrey Burke, seconded by Michelle Rosado. Bonnie accepted the nomination and is willing to serve as chair if elected. Bonnie feels SAC can be more vibrant, engaging

the public more, and having guest speakers to present to SAC to assist members in making informed decisions.

- Ballots were handed out and then tallied. Majority ruled that Bonnie Dunham was elected as chair for the 2012-2013 SAC year.

Agenda Item VIII: Preliminary planning for Annual SAC retreat ~ ***September 12th 9-2:30pm***

- Suggested topics: PBIS, restraint and seclusion, CHINS petitions, LRE data, Special Education funding, Transition, Data Driven Report.
- What is SAC doing presently, what have we done in the past, and how do we move forward. Bonnie mentioned the public forums that SAC did years ago ~ should they be brought back. Talk with the NHDOE about what is coming down the road, and how can SAC support them. Get a report from the Bureau of Special Education and the Commissioner on what SAC should focus on.
- Email Bonnie over the summer with any thoughts or suggestions.

Agenda Item IX: Public Comment

- There is a “TERI” (Training, Education, Research and Innovation) conference on August 18th at 21 Fruit Street, the topic is on their new project *Campus of Life*. TERI is supported by the autism council independent living group. Email Bonnie if you want to attend.

Agenda Item X: Adjournment

- Michelle Rosado made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Renea Sparks seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.